

U. S. TO DEMAND FREEDOM OF SEA

Note to England So Revised
as to Create Sharp
Issue.

NEW POINTS ARE RAISED

State Department Will Insist that
American Ships Be Unmolested.
Arbitration May Result.

The receipt of Great Britain's latest notes on neutral commerce has compelled the State Department to revise the note it has had under preparation for some time and to introduce in it several new points.

The two most important features of the note will be an exhaustive treatment of Great Britain's enforced embargo on the Scandinavian countries and Holland and a sharp demand that American goods be permitted to pass without molestation to neutral ports.

The reply will say:
First—That when Great Britain forced Denmark, Holland and the other smaller countries to agree to an embargo it was a confession that it was her only way to prevent American goods going from neutral ports into the enemy country.

Second—That the Order in Council was an illegal embargo which sought to transfer the obligation of the neutral countries across the Atlantic to the United States.

Third—That this embargo was manifest when Great Britain began to seize American ships and cargoes bound for the ports of neutral countries.

Fourth—That the United States asserts now for the last time that an American ship and an American cargo, even containing contraband of war, has a right under all commercial laws to proceed, subject to the seizure of contraband only, to any neutral port.

The official who outlined these important new issues said that their promulgation would create a sharp and clear cut issue with Great Britain and that there would be no way out of such an impasse except by arbitration because Great Britain had announced her own position as unalterable. That position, he said, is necessarily arbitrary because it cannot be justified by international law, by the Declaration of Paris, by the Declaration of London or by any of the Hague conventions.

MAY ARBITRATE DACIA CASE.

Issue with France May Be Settled
in Unique Way.

The act of France in confiscating the American cotton steamer Dacia promises to be the first issue between the United States and any European country to be settled by arbitration.

The principle involved is whether the French law under which the vessel was seized is contrary to the spirit of international law.

Some officials here think that, although Great Britain first gave warning to the United States about the Dacia, it was by design of Great Britain that France seized her because the latter was permitted such seizure. The French maritime law does not recognize the absolute right of the United States to grant American register to a vessel such as the Dacia, which was owned originally by the Hamburg-American Steamship Company, a German corporation.

Objects to Federal Employees Aiding Foreign Nations Erect Printing Plants

Denunciation of the giving by government officials and employees of their time, skill and knowledge to foreign governments for the purpose of assisting in the erection of printing plants to compete with American labor is embodied in an article in the latest issue of the Plate Printer, of which P. J. Ryan is editor.

The article contains the following resolution, which the recent convention of the International Steel and Copper Plate Printers of North America at Philadelphia, recommended for introduction at the coming session of Congress:

"Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and hereby is, requested to cause such rules and regulations to be adopted and placed in force for the regulation of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing as will effectually forbid and prevent the officials and employees of said bureau from giving their time, skill, knowledge, experience or services upon any basis to any foreign government or to any individual, firm, or corporation whatsoever, domestic or foreign, for the purpose of assisting such government, individual, firm, or corporation in the establishment of carrying on of any printing or engraving business or of any business whatsoever which is or may be directly or indirectly competitive with American industry, or which may directly or indirectly deprive American labor of its employment and means of livelihood."

The Plate Printer in another article praises Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo for awarding to Crane & Co., of Dalton, Mass., the contract for making distinctive paper money for United States securities for the fiscal year 1916, despite the fact that the bid was not the lowest.

"Purchasing cheap material is not always a saving," reads the article. "Cheap goods are expensive at any price."

"We hope that the Secretary will look carefully into the character of the printing, as well as that of the paper. If he will inquire into our side of the case of plate printing, in favor of printing our currency in the highest style of the art, he will be convinced that good printing is a necessary safeguard against counterfeiting."

The article is an indirect appeal for the retention of hand presses, which, the printer contends, produce better work than the power ones.

WHEN A MAN IS MARRIED

BY ONE WHO IS

The Doorbell and Ten P. M.

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I had dinner with an old-time friend last night and tears gushed when I got home. I enjoyed the expedition into the wilds of bachelorhood, but not the journey into the realm of wifely distress.

I submit it was not so very late when I tinkled the bell at my door—only 10 o'clock. There would have been nary a tinkle had I heeded the me of the latchkey. But you know how it is, Friend Husband. Those of us who are broken to the domestic furnace-side, cannot be expected to remember every little thing, more's the pity.

The first tinkle didn't even make a dent in the snooze room upstairs, so I gave the bell a short and ugly push, and then another, and still another. Morpheus backed off the job at the third push, and Myra's night-robed form appeared, cautiously, at the top of the stairs.

"Is that you, Robert?" she called, rather loudly, I thought.

"Of course," I replied softly, and said things under my breath. Did she open and yell my identity and wake the neighborhood. Then came an exasperating delay while she fiddled with the door. But at last she got it open, and without waiting for me to enter, slipped off upstairs to her room.

I felt that something had gone wrong, and I decided I had better find out what it was. So I followed her.

"Myra, what in the world's the matter?" I offered in my gentlest tones. She did not answer, so I repeated the question, with just a trifle more emphasis this time.

"Nothing at all, Robert," she replied from her pillow.

"Why do you act so strangely?" "I'm not acting strangely. Don't be foolish."

"But I've a right to know." "Oh, don't worry about me. Go on to bed."

"I'll not do it until I've had an explanation." I was really angry now. "I've got a right to know why you are acting this way," I demanded.

"Oh, you have, have you?" And Myra sat straight up in bed.

"Certainly," I replied. "I've done nothing to deserve such treatment."

"Why have you been tonight?" came sharply from Myra.

I was splendidly nonchalant. "Oh, I've been to dinner with a friend, and we had cigars and conversation afterward."

"I don't believe it." "It seems as if you could afford to believe me, once in awhile."

"But you should have told me." "Why, that's what I—"

"No, you did not, Robert. You didn't intend to let me know. How can I be sure you were having cigars and conversation and—nothing else?" That's just the way with you husbands. You stay down town until all hours, and then wonder why we don't meet you with pleasant smiles and loving embraces." And Myra fell foremost into a fit of violent sobbing.

It was up to me to keep quiet until calm returned, because I couldn't do anything anyway. And so I waited, and presently the storm abated.

"Myra, dear, you must not do that. You ought to know your Robert wouldn't be guilty of any remissness. I wanted to explain that I did try to tell you to tell you that Jim Wylie was in town, and that I was going to take dinner with him."

"The why didn't you call me up?" Myra was gentle again.

"Central said your telephone was busy."

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